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1. SUMMARY: UNCTAD COS COMPLETED ITS SIXTH SESSION BY ADOPTING THREE RESOLUTIONS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING, DEVELOPMENT OF MERCHANT MARINES, AND FREIGHT RATES. PRESENCE OF MRS. BENTLEY AS MEMBER OF US DELEGATION PREVENTED TABLING OF RESOLUTION URGING EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES. COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION TO TDB IN ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS. END SUMMARY.

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2. RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF MERCHANT MARINES

REQUESTS SOFTER CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF NEW AND SECOND HAND SHIPS. RESOLUTION ON FREIGHT RATES REQUESTS UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO DO NUMBER OF STUDIES INCLUDING STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING FREE-IN-AND-OUT (FIO) RATES IN LINER TRADES. US HAD NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF EITHER RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, BOTH INCLUDED PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS REFERRING TO PROGRAM OF ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER GA RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI). AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS US ALONG WITH SIX OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES MADE STATEMENTS RESERVING POSITIONS ON REFERENCES TO PROGRAM OF ACTION. (US AND GROUP B ACTIONS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AT COS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.) US ALONG WITH GROUP B SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING REFERENCE TO CODE OF CONDUCT IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS OF FREIGHT RATE RESOLUTION.

3. RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING REQUESTS UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO STUDIES ON TREATMENT OF MERCHANT VESSELS IN PORTS AND TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN SHIPPING AND PORTS AND A LOWER PRIORITY TO STUDY ON ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF "GENUINE LINK" BETWEEN VESSEL AND FLAG OF REGISTRY. IT ALSO REQUESTS SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE GROUNDS FOR STUDY ON "PROMOTION OF SHIPPING." US OPPOSED "GENUINE LINK" STUDY ON GROUNDS THAT IT CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. US EVENTUALLY AGREED TO HAVE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT STUDY OF GENUINE LINK ON A LOWER PRIORITY BASES.

4. COS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS. (ECOSOC DECISION 6(LVI)) AND DEFERRED MATTER TO TDB. COS APPROVED LENGTHY PROVISIONAL AGRNDA FOR SEVENTH SESSION OF COS (NOV. 17-28, 1975) INCLUDING REFERENCE TO CODE OF CONDUCT UNDER GENERAL DEBATE ITEM.

5. US OBJECTIVE OF DISCOURAGING TABLING OF ANY RESOLUTION ON CODE OF CONDUCT SUCCEEDED PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENCE OF MRS. BENTLEY ON THE US DELEGATION. GROUP OF 77 EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THEIR OWN DECLARATION IN COMMITTEE REPORT URGING EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE ALSO FAILED. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED TO HAVE A BRIEF AND FACTUAL STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN INCLUDED IN REPORT. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT POINTS OUT THAT CODE WAS ADOPTED BY LARGE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES BUT ACKNOWLEDGES NEGATIVE VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS. IT INDICATES THAT ONLY TWO

COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED THE CONVENTION AS OF AUGUST 9, 1974 AND INNOCUOUSLY CONCLUDES THAT COS CAN BE CONTENT WITH ITS ROLE IN CODE OF CONDUCT.

6. GROUP B COORDINATOR HINZ (FRG) WORKED TIRELESSLY AT MAINTAINING GROUP B UNITY. VOSS (SWEDEN) AND MCQUEEN (UK) ALSO PLAYED LEADING ROLES FOR GROUP B IN NEGOTIATING TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS. AVERIN (USSR), DABROWSKI (POLAND) AND VOGEL (GDR) WERE THE LEADERS FOR GROUP D. SOYSA (SRI LANKA), QUARTEY (GHANA) AND PAREJA (ARGENTINA) WERE THE MOST ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS FOR GROUP OF 77. HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE AND TIMELY INTERVENTIONS OF MRS. BENTLEY OVERSHADOWED THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE GROUP B COORDINATOR INFORMED THE US REPRESENTATIVE THAT MRS. BENTLEY'S PRESENCE AT ALL MEETINGS THROUGH THE FINAL SESSION FACILITATED HIS TASK IN ACHIEVING GROUP B OBJECTIVES. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT A RESOLUTION OR DECLARATION URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT WOULD HAVE BEEN TABLED HAD MRS. BENTLEY LEFT BEFORE FINAL SESSION. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL GROUPS, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT MRS. BENTLEY'S PRESENCE ADDED STATUS NOT ONLY TO THE US DELEGATION BUT ALSO TO GROUP B AND THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE.DALE

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